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SUBJ: NORTHERN REACTION TO NEB REPORT

1. NEB REJECTION OF MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE HAS DRAWN MIXED REACTION IN NWT. INDIAN BROTHERHOOD AND SMALLER TOWNS WITH PREDOMINANTLY INDIAN POPULATION HAVE HAILED NEB S FINDINGS AS A VICTORY FOR NATIVE PEOPLES WHILE LARGER AND MORE COMMERCIALY-MINDED NWT COMMUNITIES SUCH AS INUVIK, FORT SIMPSON, AND HAY RIVER APPEAR TO BE STUNNED BY NEB S RECOMMENDATION.

2. TERRITORIAL COUNCILLOR TOLD CONGEN THAT NWT BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAD CONVINCED ITSELF THAT NEB WOULD CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS AND, IN CONSEQUENCE, THE ALCAN FINDING WAS RECEIVED WITH SHOCK AND INCREDULITY. SOME NORTHERN BUSINESS AND POLITICAL LEADERS, SUCH AS INUVIK MAYOR ROBERTSON ARE SEEKING TO PERSUADE CABINET TO REJECT NEB AND BERGER REPORTS AND FAILING THIS, THEY PLAN TO MOUNT A CAMPAIGN TO MAKE DEMPSTER SPUR AN INTEGRAL PART OF ALCAN PROJECT.

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3. TWO RANKING NORTHWEST TERRITORIES GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRATS INFORMED US THAT NEB S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE A DISAPPOINTMENT BUT NOT A SURPRISE. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ECONOMIC PROSPECTS OF NWT AND SAID THAT IT WAS SAD THAT OTTAWA HAD GONE WITH SECOND BEST CHOICE. DEMPSTER SPUR WOULD BE BETTER THAN NOTHING OUT IT WAS NOT ANCH

ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR A DELTA PIPELINE.

4 INUVIK AND TERRITORIAL COUNCILLOR INDICATED THAT NEB S ACTION HAD TAKEN WESTERN INUIT UNAWARES. COPE LEADERS HAVE PUBLICALLY SUPPORTED NEB S PIPELINE CHOICE WHILE PRIVATELY LAMENTING THAT THEIR ONGOING LAND CLAIM NEGOCIATIONS AND WESTERN INUIT HOPES FOR POLITICAL AUTONOMY AND LARGE GAS AND OIL ROYALTIES HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY SET BACK.

5. NWT METIS HAVE NOT MADE SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE TO NEB S PIPELINE DECISION MOST PROBABLY BECAUSE LEADERSHIP OF METIS ASSOCIATION HAS JUST CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY.

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